

On Saturday, the 27th of August, seven members were undeterred by the showery weather of the earlier part of the day and met the leader at the Brighton Beach station on the arrival of the 2 o'clock train from town. The party at once proceeded in quest of "pond life," and first visited a swamp near Smith's paddock, where, amongst other captures, were taken three well-grown specimens of *Apus*. A pond by the side of the road leading easterly from Hampton station was next tried and yielded a good number of colonies of *Lacinularia pedunculata*, a rotifer which had been observed as occurring in this pool very plentifully during the previous three or four weeks. Some of the clusters were over a quarter of an inch in diameter and contained hundreds of individuals. The party then made their way to the swamp above Sandringham station, and, after a short time spent in collecting, started homeward by rail about 6 o'clock. Two rotifers—*Mastigocerca elongata* and *Euchlanis macrura*—not previously recorded in Victoria were identified on later examination of the material.—J. SHEPHARD.

#### EXCURSION TO RINGWOOD.

FIVE members left town by the 1.20 p.m. train for Ringwood on Saturday, 3rd September, and were joined *en route* by the leader and two other members, together with three lady visitors, so that there was a fair party when gathered together at Ringwood station, though not so large as the leader anticipated, considering the beauty of the day and the rich floral district to be explored.

After a delay of a few minutes, to decide the direction to be taken, the party struck off to the south-east, keeping somewhat parallel to the Ferntree Gully railway. Flowers were soon met with in a bit of scrub round one of the deserted antimony mines, though nothing of particular note was seen. Near here can be found, in the season, the pretty *Utricularia*. Crossing on to some lower ground several acacias were met with, and a snake disturbed, but not captured. Ascending a hill the orchids *C. deformis*, *C. carnea*, *P. nana*, and *D. maculata* were obtained. Here, also, *Drosera whitakeri* was in abundance, and its snow-white flowers and red leaves had a charming effect. Further on some good scrub was entered and fine bunches of flowers obtained—*Acacia verticillata*, *myrtifolia*, *linearis*, *stricta*, *melanoxylo*; *Euphrasia brownii*, with many leguminous flowers, being obtained, altogether some fifty species of flowers being noted during the afternoon, though none of them particularly rare. The party returned by the 5.10 p.m. train to town.—F. G. A. BARNARD.